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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S DILIGENT FOLLOW-UP ON PHILIPPINE
CO-SPONSORSHIP OF KOREA RESOLUTION. ROMULO COMMITMENT TO
CO-SPONSOR IN SEPTEMBER IS WELCOME. EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT
WOULD HAVE MAXIMUM IMPACT AS OTHER SIDE WILL BE CLOSELY
GAUGING EXTENT OF SUPPORT FOR ROK.

2. AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES THEREFORE AND UNLESS YOU DEEM
IT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, SUGGEST YOU EMPHASIZE IN MEETINGS
WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS THAT THE PHILIPPINES' CLOSE
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ASSOCIATION WITH THE ROK, LONG AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

IN UNC, MAKES IT LOGICAL CO-SPONSOR. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT SHIFTS IN GOP'S FOREIGN POLICY OUTLOOK HAS OCCURRED, WE BELIEVE IT CONTINUES TO HAVE STRONG STAKE IN CONTINUED STABILITY IN KOREAN PENINSULA. NORTH KOREA'S SUPPORTERS WILL BE MOUNTING STRONG DRIVE FOR THEIR EXPECTED RENEWED DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM KOREA UNDER THE UN FLAG. OUR COMBINED EFFORT MUST BE EQUALLY STRONG AND EARLY AND ACTIVE PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT WOULD HELP.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS YOU MAY NOTE OFFER TO TERMINATE UNC BY JANUARY 1 IS CONTINGENT ON OTHER SIDE'S ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUED VALIDITY OF ARMISTICE. WE ARE PREPARED TO MEET WITH OTHER PARTIES TO ARMISTICE TO DISCUSS HOW THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED (RE VERCELES QUESTION MANILA 9689).

4. APPRECIATE ROMULO'S WILLINGNESS TO SEEK THAILAND'S CO-SPONSORSHIP. IN VIEW OF ROMULO OFFER BELIEVE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER FURTHER APPROACH TO RTG EITHER INDEPENDENTLY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHILIPPINE MISSION. APPROPRIATE POINTS IN PARA 2 CAN BE UTILIZED. KISSINGER

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